

INSIDE SANTA CLARA

QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER FOR CITY OF SANTA CLARA RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

WINTER/SPRING 2013



See Special Insert inside on Emergency Preparedness

Get ready for the next emergency



SUPER BOWL

Emergency preparedness is a task that should never be off your to-do list. Since an emergency can happen at any time – earthquake, fire, flood, superstorm – the best way to stay safe is to always be prepared, and that takes an ongoing effort.

Comprehensive guidelines on how to prepare your home and your family for an unexpected disaster are contained in an insert in this issue of *Inside Santa Clara*. It will also be posted as a download on the City's website **SantaClaraCA.gov** so that you can refer to it at any time.

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Super Bowl on its way to Santa Clara

The new 49er Stadium in Santa Clara is a finalist to host the National Football League's 50th Super Bowl in 2016, just two years after the first

kick-off in the new facility. The location decision will be announced in May, 2013. If the Stadium is not selected for 2016, it will be first in line for the Super Bowl in 2017.

More than 100 million people all over the world watch the Super Bowl each year and get sweeping vistas of the community where the host stadium is located

from the Goodyear Blimp that flies overhead during the broadcast. Visitors to the Super Bowl are expected to fill Santa Clara hotels and

restaurants, generating a surge of Transient Occupancy Tax and sales tax for the City's General Fund.

All roads will lead to the City of Santa Clara on Super Bowl game day! Another source of pride for a community that has it all!

State actions could devastate City budget

Throughout Santa Clara's history with its Redevelopment Agency (RDA), the City of Santa Clara has always followed the spirit and the letter of the law as it relates to RDAs, working to support economic development and job creation, add affordable housing and revitalize specific areas of the community. With the recent dissolution of RDAs by the State of California, however, the possibility that the State could demand as much as \$300 million in assets and real property from the City of Santa Clara - twice the amount of the City's annual General Fund – remains a real and serious threat as this publication goes to print.

In a letter sent to all residents in November, the Mayor and City Council described the devastating impact that would occur if the State should take this action as part of the dissolution of the City's RDA. While Santa Clara continues to follow the law regarding the State abolishment of RDAs, City officials strongly believe the State's potential actions would be "unfounded and improper." The City assured residents that every step is being taken to protect local city taxpayer assets from these State-wide forced transfers of local taxpayer assets.

For Santa Clara, at risk are cash and bond proceeds, real estate and other property acquired over the past decades as part of the City's redevelopment strategy to support its RDA goals. The State is now trying to retroactively claim property and assets that were transferred to the City months before the State law to abolish RDAs was even passed. We believe the State has no rightful claim to force us to give up City assets.

The State has given indications that it may soon demand that the City

Council appoints new City Manager

Julio Fuentes, whose 30 year career in city management in Southern California has emphasized fiscal stability and economic development, has been selected as the new City Manager for the City of Santa Clara. Mr. Fuentes was appointed by unanimous City Council action at the meeting of December 4, 2012. He will begin his new post February 4, 2013.



Fuentes, 56, has been City Manager for the City of Alhambra since 1992 where he led a staff of 614 and managed a \$114 million budget. Alhambra, a mid-size city like Santa Clara, has a population of 83,089. Fuentes' previous positions include City Administrator/Redevelopment Executive Director for the cities of Azusa and Pomona.

The City conducted a nationwide search for a new City Manager after the June retirement of Jennifer Sparacino who held the job for 25 years.

"I am very honored that the Mayor and City Council have selected me to become the next City Manager," stated Fuentes. "I am grateful for this wonderful opportunity, and I look forward to working with everyone from the community."

In 2012, Fuentes was the Board President of the California Redevelopment Association. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from California State University, Long Beach and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He and his wife, Miriam, have three grown children. He plans to relocate to the City of Santa Clara.

The full Agenda Report regarding Mr. Fuentes' appointment as City Manager can be found at santaclaraca.gov/CouncilMeetings under the City Council meeting of December 4, 2012, Agenda item 5C.

Celebrating Our Diversity

Santa Clara is one of the most diverse cities in America. Since the early days of the City, people have come from all over the globe to make Santa Clara their home. This is the third in a regular spotlight feature on the rich and varied heritage of Santa Clara's residents.

Asian Indians are fast-growing population segment

population of Asian Indians, according to the Census Bureau – an estimated one in seven residents.

Silicon Valley has been attractive to Asian Indians because of the concentration of technology and software jobs, high quality education, and entrepreneurial opportunities. They are successful if gauged by median income which in 2009 in Santa

The City of Santa Clara ranks among the top

Clara County was \$148,000 for Asian

10 cities in the U.S. with the highest

The presence of the Asian Indian population in Santa Clara has brought Indian fashion stores and a variety of Indian restaurants for everyone to enjoy, including the first Indian drive-through restaurant in the U.S.

Indian families.

A major cultural event for the Asian Indian community of the Hindu faith is the annual Diwali Festival of Lights that falls

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transfer these assets – such as the land under Great America Theme Park – putting into jeopardy millions of dollars in rent and lease payments that each year contribute about \$13 million to the City's General Fund. That amount is about equal to the entire annual budget of the Parks & Recreation Department or the combined funds for library operations and street and road repair. It is about half the cost of the City's firefighters and about half what is spent annually by the City on police patrol and investigators. These examples are only to put the potential impacts in perspective; until the State Controller's Office letter or other audits are received no specific budget impacts can be considered. Santa Clara's concerns stem from similar letters received by other cities in the State regarding their former RDAs.

The City remains very concerned. "We believe the State has no rightful claim to force us to give up City assets," the letter noted. "We have an obligation to our residents and taxpayers to protect your local tax dollars and your local services."

City staff members continue to travel to Sacramento to speak with State staff and their auditors, to review Santa Clara's former RDA operations, and to explain the potential severe consequences to our community. Updates on the situation will be posted on the City's website SantaClaraCA.gov under "What's New."

2012 Annual Report/2013 City Calendar coming your way

During late December, Santa Clara's 2012 Annual Report/2013 City Calendar will be distributed to all residents by mail. If you do not receive one by January 1, additional copies will be available at City Hall and the Library.

The issue will focus on both significant accomplishments of the past year and the City Council's 2011-13 Principles and Priorities. A suggestion card on the back of the calendar allows residents and businesses a convenient opportunity to submit ideas on improving City services, or to forward a compliment about a particular municipal program or the response of City staff.

Silicon Valley Barbeque Championships **Moving to Central Park**

All City Picnic to be combined with BBQ

The Silicon Valley Barbeque Championships, hosted by the Rotary Club of Santa Clara and held for the first time in 2012 at the former Mervyns Plaza, attracted approximately 15,000 people. This year's second annual event will be held Friday and Saturday, June 28 and 29, 2013, at Santa Clara's beautiful Central Park. The City Council approved its future sponsorship of the event and to hold the next BBQ Championships at the park. The barbeque event, sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society, is one of more than 400 similar barbeque contests held coast-to-coast, attracting barbeque competitors from throughout the United States.

Due to the proximity of the event to the City's annual All City Picnic, the City's annual picnic will move to Saturday, June 29 (instead of being held on July 4). Non-profit community groups that have traditionally used the picnic as a fundraiser will now have an opportunity to generate even more revenue from those expected to attend the Silicon Valley Barbeque Championships and City picnic.

While details of the combined event and agreement between Santa Clara Rotary and the City were still being worked out at press time, traditional picnic events such as the outdoor pancake breakfast, entertainment and carnival games are expected to continue at this new combined community event. The new event will also feature a Classic Car show. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

City Public Meeting Schedule

Board of Library Trustees*	1st Monday 6:30 pm
Citizens Advisory Committee	4th Monday 7 pm
City Council	Two Tuesdays per month 7 pm
Civil Service Commission	2nd Monday 7 pm
Cultural Advisory Commission	1st Monday 7:30 pm
Historical & Landmarks Commission	1st Thursday 7 pm
International Exchange Commission	1st Tuesday 7 pm
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Tuesday 7 pm
Planning Commission	One Wednesday per month 7 pm
Senior Advisory Commission**	4th Monday 10 am
Youth Commission (during the school year)*** .	2nd Tuesday 6 pm

Some commissions/committees meet monthly and others meet semi-monthly. Agendas for City Council, Board and Commission meetings are posted at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, the Central Park Library and Mission Library, and on the City website, at least 3 days before the listed meeting. Complete agenda packets with back-up reports for City Council meetings are available at either City Library beginning Saturday before the Tuesday meetings, or at the City Clerk's Office on weekdays. The City website also allows for the viewing of Council Agenda Reports online. Visit santaclaraca.gov and search for "City Meetings."

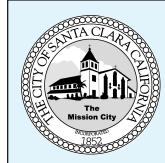
- Meeting is at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road
- Meeting is at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street
- *** Meeting is at Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue

Online schedule: santaclaraca.gov Dates and times may vary. Call 1-408-615-2220 for information.

City of Santa Clara Code of **Ethics & Values**

Ethical Professional Service-Oriented Fiscally Responsible Organized Communicative Collaborative Progressive

Ethics Every Day: Making Ethical Values a Good Habit





CITY OF SANTA CLARA QUARTERLY REPORT

Winter/Spring 2013

(Delivered bulk mail to every residential and business address in Santa Clara)

Santa Clara City Council

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City Goals and Priorities 2011-2013

The City Council priority is to focus on successful completion of existing City projects, postpone new City projects and proposals, and operate within Counciladopted budget principles and priorities, with the goal of guiding the City successfully to economic recovery. (The complete Council Principles and Priorities 2011-2013 can be found on the City website. Visit santaclaraca.gov and search for "Council Goals.")

City Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Santa Clara is to promote a living and working environment that allows for the best quality of life by serving the community with resourceful, efficient, progressive and professional leadership. - Adopted by Council action, July 25, 1989 -



Serve on a Commission to contribute to quality of life

Residents who would like to personally contribute to the quality of life in the City of Santa Clara are encouraged to apply to serve on any of the City's Board or Commissions. Residents may place their names on a list to be contacted whenever an opening occurs. To be placed on the database maintained by the City Clerk's Office, call 1-408-615-2220 or email clerk@santaclaraca.gov.

Commissions include the Board of Library Trustees, Civil Service Commission, Cultural Advisory Commission, Historical & Landmarks Commission, International Exchange Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Senior Advisory Commission and Youth Commission. There is also a Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee, ADA Advisory Committee, Bicycle Advisory Committee and other committee opportunities to serve.

If you are a registered or eligible voter (or in the case of the Youth Commission, a Santa Clara resident, age 12-19), and are interested in serving on any board/commissions/committees, or just want more information, contact the City Clerk's Office, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. You may call the Clerk's Office on weekdays at 1-408-615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov or visit the online website at SantaClaraCA.gov.

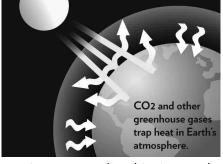
Apply now for 2013-14 Youth Commission

Santa Clara residents age 12-19 who want to learn more and participate in the government process are invited to apply for the 2013-14 Youth Commission.

Applications will be available beginning Jan. 28 at the Teen Center, Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Central Park Library, City Hall, and Santa Clara Unified School District middle and high school Counseling and ASB offices. The application and letter of recommendation must be returned to the Teen Center no later than Mon., March 25 at 7 p.m. Oral interviews will be conducted in person, on Sat., April 20. No exceptions will be made for the interview date.

If you have any questions about Youth Commission or the application process, contact Jennifer Herb at 1-408-615-3740.

Climate Action Plan to be prepared



A Climate Action Plan is being prepared by the City to identify sources of greenhouse gas emissions caused by actions within Santa Clara and estimates of how these emissions can be reduced.

The plan is one of the action items specified in the 2010-2035 General Plan, and it helps to meet legislative

requirements outlined in AB 32 (the California Global Warming Act 2006) and SB375 (the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008)

Community outreach, including a web page dedicated to the project, will be launched in 2013 so that any interested resident can participate in the plan's development. For more information, call the Planning Division at 1-408-615-2450 or email planning@santaclaraca.gov.

Parent Education Nights scheduled by school district

Santa Clara Unified School District will host three Parent Education Nights to discuss the long-range goals and financial picture of the district. Both parents and community members are invited to attend.

The information sessions will be held on Jan. 28, Feb. 25 and March 19. All are scheduled for 6-7:30 p.m. at Cabrillo Middle School, 2550 Cabrillo Ave. Spanish translation will be provided.

The events are co-sponsored by the SCUSD Parent Teacher Associations. For information, visit **SantaClaraUSD.org** or call 1-408-423-2109.

Police Activities League



A variety of youth sports such as bowling, softball, wrestling, judo, BMX racing and PAL GAL softball is offered seasonally and year-round to young people in Santa Clara through the Police Activities League.

All classes have limited enrollment. For more information and to register, contact the PAL office at 1-408-615-4880, come by the office at 601 El Camino Real, from 1 to 5 p.m. on weekdays, or visit **SantaClaraPAL.org**.

Animals are waiting to be adopted



Is 2013 the year when you'll add a dog, cat or other animal to your family?

The Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) operates the only cageless animal care center in Silicon Valley where wonderful animals are waiting to be adopted. Mark your calendar for the Spring Adoptathon on Sat., May 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or if you can't wait that long, visit the website SVACA.com or call 1-408-764-0344.

SVACA is also looking for volunteers and foster parents to help take care of animals at the Center. Donations to the Animal Assistance Fund are used to rehabilitate sick or injured animals that require specialized veterinary care and to provide additional comfort for animals. Tax deductible donations can be made online at SVACA.com or sent by mail to: SVACA Animal Assistance Fund, 3370 Thomas Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95054.

Other services provided by SVACA include spay and neuter clinics, animal licensing and investigations of animal abuse. SVACA is a joint powers authority that provides animal care and control services to the cities of Campbell, Monte Sereno, Mountain View and Santa Clara. Adoption services and volunteer opportunities are open to all residents in the Bay Area.

New puppy or dog at your home?

If you are the proud owner of a new puppy or dog, help keep your new family member safe in the backyard. Since City meter readers may enter your yard to read your meter each month, be sure to inform the City if you have a dog in your yard. Contact customer service at 1-408-615-2300 to update your account.

About Santa Clara's nonprofit partners

The City of Santa Clara contracts with a number of agencies for the provision of community services. The list provided here includes local nonprofit service agencies funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program. The objective is to provide funding support to assist persons and households that are low income. The public services provided by these agencies are reviewed annually by the City. Local nonprofit agencies that partner with the City include:

- Live Oak Senior Day Services (senior day services) . . 1-408-971-9363
- YWCA of Silicon Valley (domestic violence counseling, legal services, emergency shelter) 1-408-541-6100

For a complete list, see the City's website at: **SantaClaraCA.gov/NonProfitPartners**.

Diversity (continued from page 1)

in October or November, depending on the Hindu Luni-Solar calendar. Spread over five days, it includes worship, family gatherings and some public events. Asian Indians are also active locally in Christian and Sikh faith groups.

India Currents, a popular publication for the Asian Indian community with articles on business, politics, education and religion as well as a listing of Indian cultural events, was started in Santa Clara. The calendar often includes activities of the Santa Clara Cricket Club, founded in 1987 to promote the popular Indian sport. Cricket matches are held at 1840 Benton St.



Many activities to place on your new 2013 calendar

Farmers Market



The Downtown Santa Clara Farmers Market continues yearround every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Benton and Homestead. Each season brings in new crops of fruits and vegetables (look for broccoli, kale and tangerines). Check out

colorful bouquets of cut flowers for your home, or plants for your patio and garden. Baked goods and specialty dishes are also available to enjoy while listening to music and enjoying the winter air with friends and neighbors.

Gymnastics Classes

Jan. 7 through March 1, March 4 through April 29

Year-round gymnastics classes for children 18 months to 18 years of age are offered at the Santa Clara Gymnastics Center, 3445 Benton St. The first session begins the week of Jan. 7 and runs through March 1. Spring classes start March 4 and run through April 29. Call 1-408-615-3140 for availability or registration information.

Monthly Book Sales

Jan. 19 and 20, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, April 20 and May 18

Add to your private book collection, find a bargain and support the Santa Clara City Library. Friends of the Library Book Sales will be held Jan. 19 and 20, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, April 20 and May 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Central Park Library Cedar Room, 2635

Homestead Rd. Visit **LoveTheLibrary.org** for more information about the Santa Clara

City Library Foundation and Friends or call 1-408-615-2936.



Santa Clara's Got Talent

lan. 26

The 2012-13 Youth Commission will sponsor three fun events in 2013, beginning with a City-wide talent show on Saturday, Jan. 26. "Santa Clara's Got Talent" will begin at 7 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center. For ticket information, call the Teen Center at 1-408-615-3740. The Commission will also organize a 5k Fun Run/Walk and Family Movie Night in the Park later in the spring. For details on all these events, contact the Youth Commission at 1-408-615-3741.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days Jan. 26 and April 27

The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program will conduct two household hazardous waste drop-off events in Santa Clara **Disposal** on Jan. 26 and April 27. Other drop-off events FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY are scheduled throughout the County during

Hazardous Waste Recycling &

the year. Call 1-408-299-7300 or go to HHW.org to make an appointment to attend any of the household hazardous waste drop-off events. Items that can be disposed of at the drop-off include household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, paint products, car and household batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, solvents, waste oil, automotive products, household medications and Sharps containers. Ammunition, explosives, radioactive materials and containers larger than five gallons will not be accepted.

Exhibits at de Saisset Museum Jan. 18 through June 30





The de Saisset Museum will feature four exhibitions during the first half of 2013, all of which are free to the public. "Clay

in the Bay," (above left) opening Jan. 18, brings together ceramic artists from around the Bay Area who use a variety of styles and techniques in their work. "Henrietta Shore: Understanding Nature," (above right) also opening



January, features 15 paintings and prints by this under-recognized artist and contemporary of Georgia O'Keeffe. "Face: Portraits by Valentin Popov," (left) on view beginning Feb. 22, includes more than 50 nearly life-sized portraits by this Oaklandbased artist. "Wynn Bullock," opening April 12, explores the evolution of this important Bay Area photographer's career through a selection of his black-and-white photographs. All exhibitions close on June 30. The

museum is open Tuesday-Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information visit SCU.edu/desaisset or call 1-408-554-4528.

Santa Clara Players

Feb. 22 through March 15, May 17 through June 8

Santa Clara Players celebrates 51 years of quality community theatre with two productions in the first half of 2013. "Harvey," the classic comedy by Mary Chase about Elwood P. Dowd and his imaginary friend, a six foot rabbit named Harvey, will be presented Feb. 22-March 15. "Spreading It Around," a West Coast premier comedy with a twist about a retired woman and what she does with her money while her son and daughter-in-law are waiting for 'their' inheritance, is scheduled for May 17-June 8. For schedule information or for tickets, call 1-408-248-7993 or visit **SCPlayers.org**.

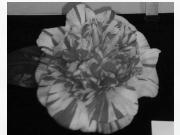


Author Laurie King

Northern California novelist Laurie King returns to Santa Clara's Central Park Library to celebrate the 20th anniversary of her award-winning first novel, Grave Talent, and to discuss her most recent book, Garment of Shadows. The popular author of two mystery series and several stand-alone novels will speak on Mon., Feb. 4, at 6:30 p.m. The free event is funded by the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends. To reserve a space, call Reference at 1-408-615-2900.

72nd Annual Camellia Show Feb. 23-24

The 72nd Annual Camellia Show, sponsored by the Camellia Society and the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department, will be held Feb. 23-24, at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. Hundreds of delicate blooms of different sizes and colors will be on display. There is a camellia to fit any size garden



or patio, and experts will be available at the show to help gardeners decide what camellia would be best for their yards, decks or terraces. The Santa Clara Art Association will display horticultural-related art. The free show is open for viewing on Saturday from 2:30 to 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entries will be accepted Saturday, Feb. 23, 6:30-10 a.m. Novices and children are encouraged join experienced gardeners in entering camellias. Camellia Society members will be on hand to help identify and place your entry. For more information, call 1-408-615-3080

Parent Education

Feb. 25, March 25, April 29, May 20

Parent Education programs presented by Hand In Hand: Nurturing the Parent-Child Connection will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday evening, Feb. 25, March 25, April 29, and May 20 in the Santa Clara Central Park Library. Topics will be posted on the website Library.SantaClaraCA.gov.

Environmental Day March 2

Recology will hold an Environmental Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sat., March 2, for Santa Clara residents at its 650 Martin Avenue location (near Lafayette Street). This event will provide residents with the opportunity to recycle clothing, e-waste (computers, monitors, printers, etc.), u-waste (batteries, cell phone, CFLs and fluorescent light tubes), and children's plastic play structures and toys. In addition, residents can bring confidential documents for shredding. In order to participate, you must bring your Santa Clara utility bill and photo I.D. For more information, call 1-408-615-3080 or 1-408-970-5100.

Activities 2013 (Continued from previous page)

30th Anniversary of Showtime melodrama March 1, 2, 3



The annual production of Showtime, an original melodrama by local talent, raises money to support the Senior Center's Health and Wellness program. This year's performance is called "Doomstown Fractured Fairy Tales, or Once Upon a

Time?" and is scheduled for March 1, 2 and 3 at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. Curtain time is 7 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Doors open 90 minutes before the show.

The first Showtime was produced in 1982 by long-time Santa Clara resident Cleo Stuckrath, who championed this fundraiser of fun and entertainment. Audiences are encouraged to be part of the action by cheering for the hero and booing and hissing when the villain takes the stage. The evening also includes an olio of local talent, refreshments and raffle prizes.

Beginning Jan. 14, tickets can be purchased from the Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St., and at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd., during regular business hours. Tickets are \$7 for Saturday and Sunday performances, and \$5 for Friday's performance (the 1982 ticket price!). For more information, call 1-408-390-9544 or visit the website SantaClaraWomensLeague.org.

The Great American Songbook

The Santa Clara Chorale brings back its popular Sounds of the Stage



program on Friday, March 15, a celebration of music written for the musical theater and opera stage. This year it features the masters of the Great American Songbook who filled Broadway's theaters with hundreds of hits, such as Jerome Kern, Rogers and Hammerstein, Cole

Porter, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, and Leonard Bernstein. Guest Conductor is Dr. Lesley Leighton of the Los Angeles Master Chorale. Performance time is 8 p.m. at Mission Santa Clara.

Arbor Day/Earth Day

An award to Santa Clara as a "Tree City, U.S.A." will highlight the annual

Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration on Friday, April 26 at 10 a.m. on the Triton Museum grounds at 1505 Warburton Avenue. 2013 will mark the 25th year that the City of Santa Clara will be presented with a Tree City U.S.A award from the National Arbor Day Foundation,



recognizing Santa Clara for its effective tree care program, which includes an integrated pest management system, increased tree plantings, continuing education for City tree crews, and computerized irrigation for all landscaping throughout the City in public rights-of-way and medians. In past years, Santa Clara's tree programs have also resulted in the City receiving a Gold Leaf Award from the Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture, one of only three awards given in California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii. The Arbor Day/Earth Day event will include guest speakers, information on tree care, and ideas on things everyone can do to help preserve the earth's natural resources. Officials on hand will include members of the City Council, the Parks & Recreation Commission, and children from local schools. For more information, call 1-408-615-3080.

Handel's Messiah

May 4

The Santa Clara Chorale closes its season with one of the most popular and beloved choral work of all time—Handel's Messiah – on Saturday, May 4, at 8 p.m. in Mission Santa Clara. Join the Chorale, soloists, and the Jubilate Baroque Orchestra for this timeless reflection on the birth, passion, and resurrection of Christ. From the overture to the final "Amen" chorus, including the renowned "Hallelujah" chorus and other favorites, Handel's music will move and delight! The performance will be co-directed by Dr. Magen Solomon, interim Director of Choral Activities at Santa Clara University, and Dr. David Wilson, the founder of the Santa Clara Chorale in 1962 and professor emeritus at the University of Southern California.

Annual Tea and Vintage Fashion Show June 9



The lovely, shaded garden of the Harris-Lass Historic Museum at 1889 Market St. will be the setting for an "Afternoon Tea and Vintage Fashion Show" on Sun., June 9, 1-4 p.m. The fashion show will feature vintage hats and dresses of the 19th and early 20th century. Guests will enjoy refreshments and will receive a pass to return at a later date for a private tour

of the beautifully appointed Harris-Lass House with its collections of antiques. Tickets for this fundraiser will be available for \$30 each. Seating is limited. Contact Maria at 1-408-246-3822 to reserve tickets, or leave a message at the Harris-Lass House Museum at 1-408-249-7905. Event information also will be posted on the Museum's website: HarrisLass.org.

Start the New Year off with fun recreation classes

Whether you are a lifelong learner or a busy parent with active children, programs from the Parks & Recreation Department will keep you and your entire family interested in learning and playing all year long. The Winter/Spring Recreation Activities Guide is currently available online and in City facilities. Winter classes begin the week of Jan. 20 and there is something for everyone!

A great selection of fitness, dance, art and sports programs for all ages is always on the schedule. Join the latest group fitness craze with a Zumba class or try Yoga or Pilates to reach your fitness goals. Try a new activity such as Golf or Kayaking, or join a group on a Winery Hike or to see the elephant seals. Expand your culinary skills in a workshop with Chef Suzanne, or improve your musical skills with Guitar or Piano/Keyboard

Programs for children include a variety of art classes such as Ceramics, Drawing, Painting and Cartoon and Comic Drawing. Active indoor sports will challenge your child to get moving this winter with: Boot Camp for Kids, Futsal Indoor Soccer, Gametime Basketball, Sol Jumpers (jump rope), Rock Climbing, Ice Skating, Karate, and more! For young teens, we offer Driver's Education, Babysitting Workshop, Piano/Keyboarding, Guitar, or Beginning to Drum. Preschoolers love fun art and craft classes such as Little Learners Club, Little Hands in the Kitchen, Mommy and Me Messy Madness, and A,B,C's & 1,2,3's.

See the City of Santa Clara Recreation Activities Guide for a complete listing of the programs. Pick up a copy at the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, Senior Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, or Mission Library Family Reading Center. The Guide is also available online at **SantaClaraCA.gov**.

You may sign up for classes online, providing instant registration. An account "PIN" number and "client barcode" are required before using online registration. You may also register in person during regular business hours at the Community Recreation Center or Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center. Call the Community Recreation Center, 1-408-615-3140, for more information.

Early bird summer camp registration starts March 11

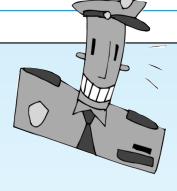
Plan your child's summer before the mad rush! Summer camp registration information is available March 4 and registration begins on March 11. Call 1-408-615-3140 for more information.

The complete Summer 2013 Recreation Activities Guide will be mailed to residents and will be posted online at SantaClaraCA.gov beginning

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CODE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS



Recently, I have been awakened in the early morning by the sounds of construction work at a neighboring property. Is there a law regarding noise in the early morning?

Noise is regulated in the City Code and includes limits on noise and vibration from fixed sources, such as ventilation systems, and noise emanating from construction sites. The limits are designed to provide for a reasonable expectation that everyone should be allowed to enjoy peace in their home during the late night and early morning hours.

Generally, construction work located within 300 feet of any residentially zoned property is limited to the hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. during weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Construction work is not permitted on Sundays or select holidays. Exemptions are granted for certain work, such as emergency repair and work being performed by the owner of single-family or duplex residential properties.

During normal business hours, complaints regarding disturbing the peace should be directed to the City's Planning & Inspection Department at 1-408-615-2460. Before or after work hours, complaints should be directed to the Police Department at 1-408-615-5580.

Thank you for making automated utility payments

More than 50% of utility payments by Santa Clara residents and businesses are now through automated payment channels, saving the City and customers time and money.

Automated payments help to ensure that utility bills are paid on time, enabling the City to maintain its lower utility rates, improve its customer service, and help our customers avoid late fees. The City has a number of convenient automated payment options, including Automated Credit Card, Pre-Authorized Checking Account, Homebanking, Web, and IVR payment channels.

Thank you, customers, for your support of automated payments! For more information about automated utility payment options, visit My Utilities Account on the City of Santa Clara website:

https://MyAccount.SantaClaraCA.gov or call the utility billing customer service line at 1-408-615-2300.

Composting class is March 9

Home composting is a great way to reduce organic household waste and improve your garden at the same time. Low-cost compost bins and a FREE class on how to make compost at home are available through Santa Clara County.

The composting class will be held on Sat., March 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Machado Park.

To register for the composting class, or for more information on the class or on low-cost compost bins, call the County "Rotline" at 1-408-918-4640, email compost@pln.co.scl.ca.us or visit the website ReduceWaste.org.

Residential street sweeping

The City sweeps residential streets clean on a minimum schedule of every other week, but often weekly. Street sweeping is scheduled the day after the regularly scheduled single-family solid waste collection. If the solid waste collection day is on Friday, the street sweeping day is Monday.

Residents are requested to not park on the street of the assigned street sweeping day, so that sweepers can reach the curb. Leaves raked from your yard and other yard waste should not be piled on the street, swept into the gutter or block the storm drain. Sweepers are not designed to pick up large piles of leaves from the street or gutter. Instead, place all green waste into your wheeled Clean Green cart for weekly collection.

Residents in multi-family complexes without Clean Green services who are not sure of what day their streets are swept, or for other questions regarding street sweeping, call 1-408-615-3080.

Tree recycling Jan. 7-11

Holiday trees will be picked up for recycling on your regular solid waste collection day during the week of Jan. 7-11. Remove all ornaments, tinsel, nails, and the stand. Flocked trees cannot be recycled, so they will be collected and disposed of as garbage. Place the stripped tree next to the garbage and Clean Green cart setouts at the



curb on your regular collection day.

Holiday trees from small businesses and residents who miss the curbside collection may be dropped off at the southwest corner of the intersection of San Tomas Expressway and Monroe Street during the week of January 7-11, 2013 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. only.

Multi-family residents can set out their holiday trees on the nearest public street for pickup on the assigned single family home garbage/recycling collection days. Call 1-408-615-2063 to find out assigned garbage/recycling days in particular areas. Trees may also be recycled after January 11 by cutting up the tree and placing the pieces in the Clean Green cart. For more information on holiday tree recycling, call 1-408-615-2063.

Extra Garbage Bag Collection

Holidays can produce a lot of trash. Santa Clara residents may set out as many as four additional 30-gallon plastic garbage bags (limit two bags per week) on their regular solid waste collection day through Jan. 7 at no extra charge.

At any other time during the year, additional 30-gallon plastic bags of garbage tied with "extra bag" tags (\$4 each) may be placed at the curb for pickup on your regular solid waste collection day. Extra bag tags can be purchased at the Cashier's Counter in the Finance Department at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave., between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tags may be ordered by mail also. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check (payable to "City of Santa Clara") to the Utility Services Division, Finance Department, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. Indicate the number of tags to be purchased and make the check payable for the exact amount of \$4 per tag.

Residential customers with front-load dumpsters are eligible to get one additional collection per year free of charge. Call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 1-408-727-5365 to make an appointment for the extra collection. For more information, please call 1-408-615-2063.

Single-stream curbside recycling

Santa Clara's single-stream curbside recycling program provides single-family homes with a lidded, wheeled blue cart, similar to the garbage and Clean Green carts used for household garbage and yard waste. Recycle newspaper, mixed papers, glass bottles and jars, aluminum, bi-metal and tin cans, discharged metal spray paint cans, kitchen scrap metal (old non-Teflon pots or pans, clean aluminum foil and pie pans), and any plastic container, bottle or bag marked with a #1,#2,#3,#4,#5, or #7 inside of triangular arrow recycling symbol in the blue cart (NO styrofoam).

In addition, single-family homes may recycle used motor oil, used motor oil filters and compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). Used motor oil should be placed in one-gallon or smaller plastic screw-top containers provided by the resident, and used motor oil filters should be placed in clear plastic Ziploc-type bags. Used motor oil should be labeled "Waste Oil" and placed next to the blue cart, and bagged, drained motor oil filters should be placed on top of the blue cart. CFLs should be placed in separate clear plastic Ziploc-type bags and set next to the blue cart for collection (bulbs only; NO fluorescent tubes).

Heavy or large cardboard containers that cannot fit in the blue wheeled cart should be broken down into 3' x 3' pieces, bundled with string or twine and stacked next to the blue cart.

Mission City Community Fund accepting applications

Mission City Community Fund is currently taking applications for the Spring 2013 grant funding cycle. Nonprofit organizations wishing to request a grant should log onto **MissionCityFund.org** to download the grant application form. Complete grant applications must be postmarked by Jan. 31, 2013. Questions may be emailed to **allocations@missioncityfund.org**.

Teens encouraged to apply for L.I.T.E.

Applications for the Leaders in Training Experience (L.I.T.E) program for teens ages 14-16 will be available at the Teen Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Community Recreation Center and Libraries beginning Wednesday, Feb. 13. Deadline for applications is 5:30 p.m., Wed., April 17.

The program is designed to enhance planning and decision making skills, increase interpersonal competence and strengthen self esteem. Participants also develop friendships, earn community service hours, and learn what goes on "behind the scenes" of a Parks & Recreation program.

Applicants chosen for the L.I.T.E program will volunteer at one of the summer day camps, where they assist recreation staff in leading activities, songs, arts and crafts projects, fieldtrips and more. Leaders In Training are required to commit to a week of in-service training during the beginning of June and two weeks volunteering at a day camp site between June 17 and August 9.

10th anniversary of Santa Clara **Teen Center**

The 10th anniversary of the Santa Clara Teen Center will be celebrated on Fri., Jan. 25, 2:30-5:30 p.m. with tours, cake, and fun activities. Call 1-408-615-3740 for more information.

The Teen Center was a recommendation of the Youth Commission which wanted the City to provide a place that would help to minimize unhealthy, risk-taking behaviors among young people.

Now open to 8th – 12th graders, the Teen Center houses an afterschool program during the school year, which averages 80 participants a day. Throughout the year, teens can attend one of the many special events hosted at the Teen Center. Whether it's a dance, cultural event, or sport tournament, the Teen Center offers something for everyone. During the summer, the Teen Center is home to the ever popular Teen Breakway program, which averages 40 teens per week and runs for seven weeks.

Student art sought for utility box project

A pilot program to discourage graffiti on traffic signal controller cabinets, launched in 2012, continues this year with an invitation to junior and senior high school students to submit an original drawing. Deadline is Feb. 29.

The theme of this year's program is "A Reflection of Your Community," and artists are asked to create works that represent their surroundings, the City of Santa Clara, or their hope for the future of the City. Entries will be judged by the Cultural Advisory Commission. The winner will receive a small scholarship and the opportunity to have the design painted on a

traffic signal controller cabinet somewhere in the City.

The first art project of this type covered a grey metal utility box at the Kaiser Homestead entrance with hand-painted original artwork of a multi-color basket of flowers. In addition to discouraging "taggers," the artwork adds color and interest to the utilitarian objects that are found on busy intersections.

The program is funded through donations to the "Keep Santa Clara Clean" trust fund. For more information and entry forms, contact the Cultural Advisory Commission Liaison at 1-408-615-2210. Entry forms are also available on the City's website at **SantaClaraCA.gov**.



April 17. The Recreation Activities Guide will be available for pick up at City facilities beginning April 18. Copies are made available at the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, and Mission Library Family Reading Center.

Resident online and mail-in registration begins May 1 and nonresident registration begins May 6. Walk-in registration begins May 22. Call 1-408-615-3140 for Guide and registration information.

Youth learn dramatic arts in **Roberta Jones Jr. Theatre**

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre offers opportunities for children of all ages to explore stage performance in 2013, including these productions:

"The Music Man," the Tony-award-winning Broadway musical will be presented March 15-24. Auditions for children ages 8-18 will be held on Jan. 2 and 3, 3:30-6:30 p.m., and everyone who auditions will be cast in the show. Parents should be aware of the rehearsal time commitments as well as their responsibility in providing costumes, make-up and production assistance. A required informational meeting for parents will be held on Sat., Jan. 5, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center.

"Disney's Winnie the Pooh Kids" will take to the stage June 14-16. Children ages 7-13 are invited to audition on Tue., April 2 and 3, 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center.

Creative Dramatics classes for ages 4-5 and ages 6-8 will also be offered this spring. Children explore creativity through interactive storytelling and improvisational games in the Imagine Me (ages 4-5) and Imagine Me, Too (ages 6-8) classes. Children must be able to leave their parents with ease to attend this class.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the website RJT.org or call Kevin Cornelius, Junior Theatre Director, at 1-408-615-3161.

Preschool programs begin Jan. 8

Registration is now open for two outstanding enrichment programs for preschool aged children. Classes meet Jan. 8 through May 23.

The curriculum of each program is carefully designed to meet the developing needs of preschool aged children. Two qualified instructors per class provide a student-teacher ratio of 12:1. Parents work in the class at least three to four times during each session. Children must already be potty trained in order to participate.

Classes for 3-year-olds are held early morning and afternoon, Monday through Thursday, at Westwood Oaks Park, 460 La Herran Dr. The program for 4-year-olds is also early morning and afternoon, Monday through Thursday, at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. For information on class availability, call the Community Recreation Center at 1-408-615-3140.

Volunteer to serve your community

Volunteer service is a great way to bring people together and help create a better future for the community. Whether you volunteer short-term for a specific activity or make long-term commitment, every effort can make a difference in someone's life. The City of Santa Clara volunteer team is always looking for additional individuals to become involved.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, call the Human Resources Department at 1-408-615-2080, or visit the City's website at SantaClaraCA.gov/volunteer. Other volunteer opportunities available throughout the Bay Area are listed on VolunteerMatch.org.

Triton Museum starts year with exhibits, classes

The Triton Museum of Arts starts the new year with three emotion-provoking exhibitions.

"Portraits and Friends" by Donna Cehrs is on display through Jan. 27. The images of children and adolescents are based on photographs published in newspapers, but the portraits are hauntingly beautiful and hint at the promise of future hope.

"Alchemist" is an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Karen Frey that ends Feb. 3.

for individual interpretation.

oil on canvas The cityscapes and still life paintings have a surreal quality that leaves room

Donna Cehrs, Friends, 2012,

The third exhibit features the work of artists from throughout California

who submitted pieces to the 2012 Statewide Watercolor Competition & Exhibition. It continues through Feb. 3. Also planned for 2013 are classes for all ages

from the Triton Museum of Art School, including drawing and painting instruction for grades K-2, 3-5, 6-9, and teens. A Drawing Workshop for Teens with artist Cuong Nguyen will be held Sat., Jan. 26. A Comic Book and Animation Workshop is scheduled for grades 6-8 in February. Registration is required for all classes.

Download a detailed schedule from the website **TritonMuseum.org** or call 1-408-247-3754 to request a printed copy.



Encaustic & watercolor painting by Karen Frey

2013 Clean-Up Campaign is April 8-May 3

Santa Clara's 53rd Annual Clean-Up Campaign will begin on April 8 and continue through May 3. This is your opportunity to set out bulky items not routinely collected by weekly garbage, Clean Green and recycling collection services. Please read the following information carefully to help make the 2013 Clean-Up Campaign a success.

Collection Areas and Dates (see map)

Area #1 (April 8): Both sides of Monroe Street. Set out material beginning Sat., April 6, and not later than 7 a.m. on Mon., April 8.

Area #2 (April 15): Both sides of Homestead Road between San Tomas Expressway and Lawrence Expressway. Set out material beginning Sat., April 13, and not later than 7 a.m. on Mon., April 15.

Area #3 (April 22): Both sides of Newhall Street between Saratoga Avenue and Winchester Boulevard. Both sides of Saratoga Avenue between Scott Boulevard and Pruneridge Avenue. North side of Pruneridge Avenue between Saratoga Avenue and Lawrence Expressway. Set out material beginning Sat., April 20, and not later than 7 a.m. on Mon., April 22.

Area #4 (April 29): Entire south side of Pruneridge Avenue, and north side of Pruneridge Avenue west of Lawrence Expressway and east of Saratoga Avenue. Set out material beginning Sat., April 27, and not later than 7 a.m. on Mon., April 29.

What will and won't be collected

Materials should be placed in the gutter in front of your home before 7 a.m. on the Monday of your designated collection week.

- NO food or bathroom waste, garbage, automobiles, automobile parts containing fluids, medical waste, liquids, explosives, ammunition, or hazardous wastes (including batteries or fluorescent bulbs or tubes) will be accepted.
- Contractor-generated landscaping debris and tree trimmings/removals are subject to a charge of \$25 per cubic yard.
- Appliances, tires and e-waste (i.e., electronic waste; anything requiring a plug or battery to operate) cannot go into the landfill and should be set out separately from the rest of your materials. Special crews will pick up these items. It is the owner's responsibility to remove any appliance door with latch mechanisms prior to setout to prevent accidents.
- Brush, branches, and wood should be cut to 6-foot lengths, stacked separately from other materials and placed parallel to the curb. Green waste can also be disposed of through the weekly Clean Green collection program at no extra charge.

NEW RULE:

Concrete, asphalt, brick, rocks, stones, dirt, sod, interior insulation, gypsum drywall, and/or sawdust must be placed in a bulk bag no larger than one cubic yard to prevent stormwater run-off pollution potential. Bulk bags may be purchased at local home improvement stores like Home Depot, Lowe's, and Orchard Supply.

A total of one (1) cubic yard of concrete, asphalt, brick, rocks, stones, dirt, or sod will be collected at no additional charge. Additional amounts are subject to a collection charge of \$25 per cubic yard.

Follow the rules

Park vehicles in your garage or driveway during your assigned collection week so it is easier for Clean-Up crews to maneuver. If you must park on the street, please park at least five feet away from piles.

Use the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program (see related article on page 4) to dispose of hazardous waste (paint, batteries, oil, antifreeze, household chemicals, medical waste, Sharps containers, pesticides, solvents, thinners, chlorine, fluorescent bulbs/tubes, etc). These materials pose a health and safety risk to Clean-Up crews and the environment when placed in piles. A Household Hazardous Waste dropoff event will be held in Santa Clara on Sat., April 27. You can make an appointment to attend the Santa Clara drop-off event, or any of the other scheduled drop-off events held throughout the County, by calling 1-408-299-7300 or online at HHW.org. Illegal set-out of hazardous materials is subject to a \$500 fine.

Do not set out materials in the street before the Saturday prior to your assigned collection week. Early set-outs alert people who do not live in Santa Clara that the Clean-Up Campaign is starting. Illegal dumping and scavenging are more prevalent in areas with early set-outs. <u>Early set-outs (prior to the Saturday preceding your collection week) are subject to a \$100 fine.</u>

If you witness illegal dumping, get the driver and vehicle description, and vehicle license plate number and call 1-408-615-3080 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or 1-408-615-5580 (after 4 p.m. and weekends).

Materials set out late will be collected for a fee of \$25 per cubic yard. Late set-outs are materials placed in the street after 7 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week.

Do not place piles in front of curbs painted red for "No Parking," as large piles can obstruct the view of motorists pulling out of driveways. Do not place piles in alleys or private streets, or against fences, retaining walls, hydrants, or landscaping.

Materials must be placed in the street, by the curb, in front of the house where the materials are generated (if a private street, materials must be placed on nearest public street). Placing materials in front of a neighbor's house will be deemed illegal dumping.

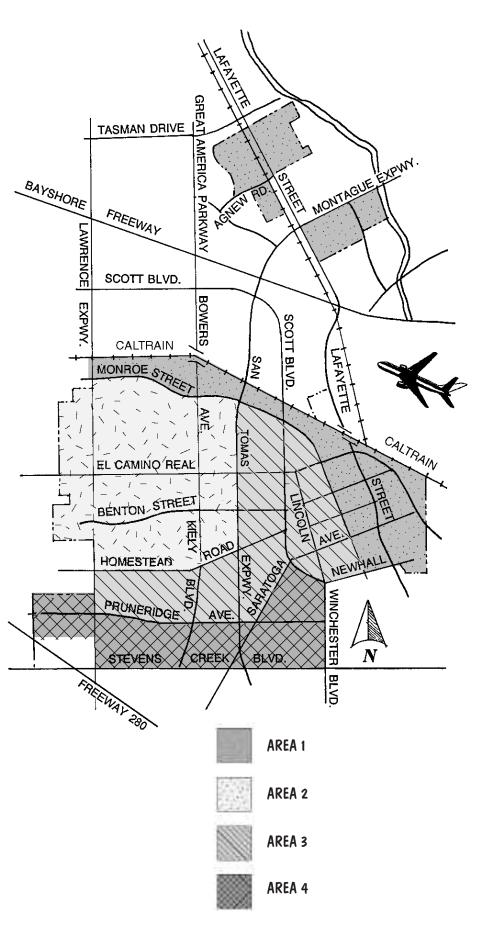
<u>Do NOT trim or remove City street trees</u>. This is a violation of City Code 12.35.020 and subject to a \$1,000 fine and all associated replacement costs. Call 1-408-615-3080 for information.

Violation notices will be left at homes where materials have been improperly set out. If you have questions about what can be set out or need assistance in determining which collection area you live in, contact the Street Department at 1-408-615-3080.

Reminder: Many items that are placed out each year can be reused or recycled. Contact these nonprofit organizations that collect usable items:

Hope Rehabilitation Services	1-408-748-2875
United Cancer Research Society	1-800-443-4224
RAFT – Resource Area For Teachers	1-408-451-1420
St. Vincent de Paul	1-408-993-9500
Salvation Army	1-408-958-7825
Cityteam Family Services	1-408-293-4657
American Cancer Society	1-408-265-5535
San Jose Family Shelter	1-408-926-8885
Santa Clara Children's Shelter	1-408-558-5400

For additional organizations that accept items for reuse, please contact the County Recycling Hotline at 1-800-533-8414 or go to **RecycleStuff.org**. For additional information on the Clean-Up Campaign, contact the City at 1-408-615-3080.



Take care of street trees

Tree care is a shared responsibility among the City, residents and businesses. Together, the combined efforts will help ensure that Santa Clara's urban forest remain green and healthy.

Street trees are those located in the property frontage within the City's right-of-way easement, usually the front yard of a residence. The City invests in the purchase, planting, maintaining and removal (if necessary) of City street trees. Property owners are responsible only for watering and fertilizing the trees.

If a street tree needs to be trimmed or is suspected to have disease problems, call the Street Department at 1-408-615-3080. Having a City street tree trimmed or removed by anyone other than City personnel is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, plus the cost of replacing the tree and any associated administrative costs. Call the same number if you'd like to be placed on a list to have a street tree.

Trees located on private property also require maintenance and careful trimming, and that is the responsibility of the property owner. Last year, trees on private property along several major thoroughfares in Santa Clara were pruned improperly, with branches cut down to stubs. The growth that will come back this spring after this type of pruning is called "sucker growth," which is weakly attached and makes the tree prone to branch break-offs during high winds.

Before pruning trees on private property, residents and business owners are encouraged to consult with a local nursery for advice on proper pruning methods, or hire an arborist and tree trimming company certified by the International Society of Arboriculture.

Trees absorb sound, generate oxygen, deflect wind, provide shade, purify air, increase property values, control erosion and conserve energy. Having beautiful, healthy trees on public and private property help to make Santa Clara the outstanding community it is today and in the future.

Weeds are a fire danger

Fueled by winter rains, the annual onslaught of weeds is well under way. The annual grasses and weeds that provide a carpet of green through late winter and early spring quickly dry out in late spring and early summer. Properties that have weeds left unabated pose many problems, including blight for neighboring properties, harborage for rodents and fire hazard.

When the weeds are lush green, they are full of moisture, which restricts their ability to burn. As the temperature climbs, the weeds turn brown and dry out. A series of hot days can actually preheat the weeds. If the weeds are ignited, fire spreads quickly.

The Fire Department urges residents to survey their property and clear any dried vegetation that could pose a hazard. Weeds can be cut, pulled or mowed. Sprays are also available and can be applied during the winter and early spring to prevent the weeds from growing.

If you need additional Clean Green carts for weeds and other compostable yard waste materials (grass clippings, weeds, leaves, palm fronds, hedge and shrubbery cuttings, small tree branches and tree trimmings, plant materials and flowers), an additional 95-gallon cart or a smaller 68-gallon cart is available at no additional charge. To request an extra cart, call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 1-408-727-5365.

If your property is considered a burrowing owl habitat and there are owls inhabiting your property, care must be taken not to disturb the nesting sites since law protects the owls. The preferred and recommended method for abating weeds on properties which contain burrowing owls is mowing since this has the least impact on the owls.

For questions or complaints regarding weeds, contact the Santa Clara Fire Marshal's Office at 1-408-615-4970.

Fireplace use in the winter

When wood or other solid fuels are burned, the smoke contains fine particulate air pollution. Winter weather conditions can trap wood smoke close to the ground, concentrating air pollution to unhealthy levels.

From November 1 through February, the Winter Spare the Air program is administered by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District who may issue a Spare the Air Alert. At those times, fires in fireplaces, wood stoves, outdoor fire pits and other wood-burning devices are illegal.

Notifications of Winter Spare the Air Alerts are usually part of the local weather report on the evening news. Residents and businesses can call 1-877-4No-Burn (1-877-466-2876), visit the website **SpareTheAir.org**, or sign up for an email or phone alert.

Wood smoke complaints can be filed online. The number of winter Spare the Air alerts varies from year to year. Last winter there were 15, the previous year just four.

Keep storm drains free of construction waste

Disposing of concrete and cement-related product wastes, including plaster and tile cuttings, into the storm drain system is a primary contributor to storm water pollution.

Storm drains are <u>not</u> connected to sanitary sewer systems or treatment plants. Their primary purpose is to carry rainwater away from developed areas to prevent flooding. The water (and any pollutants) in storm drains flows directly to local creeks, rivers, lakes and estuaries, which eventually go to San Francisco Bay, with no treatment. Polluted waters can have an adverse effect on fish, invertebrates and the aquatic environment.

When contractors or do-it-yourselfers aren't careful, concrete, mortar and masonry wastes can be easily washed into the City's storm drain systems and eventually into San Francisco Bay.

Following concrete delivery, it is a typical practice to rinse the excess concrete from trucks, chutes, and other equipment before the material can harden. Concrete finishing activities, such as exposed aggregate for driveways, use wash water to remove the surface of the concrete to create the desired finish. Some concrete contractors hose cement waste and construction materials into the gutter and down the storm drain. Concrete/cement wash water is highly alkaline, contains fine sediments and suspended solids that have a detrimental and toxic effect on fish and other aquatic life. Concrete rinsed to the storm drain system will solidify in curbs, gutters, drains and pipes. It will restrict water flow, may cause blockages and is prohibited by law.

Residents can protect water quality and prevent stormwater pollution by making sure the contractor is careful with the handling and disposal of concrete during home improvement projects. The prevention of stormwater pollution is a responsibility shared by everyone involved.

Make sure you deal only with reputable contractors. If you have any questions about whether a contractor is properly licensed to do the work, contact the California State Contractors License Board at 1-800-321-CSLB (x 2752). Inform contractors that rinsing trucks or equipment in the street or near a storm drain endangers wildlife in our creeks and the Bay – and it's illegal!

In the case where a municipality is involved with concrete/masonry clean-up, the responsible party shall be liable for the full cost of the municipality's clean-up. Costs include clean-up, as well as the removal and proper disposal of all debris and construction waste from the exterior of the work site. If you notice any unusual substance in or around your storm drain or creeks, or if you witness an illegal dumping violation in the City of Santa Clara, immediately call 9-1-1.

If you use contractors, make sure your contractor:

- 1) Establishes a cleanup area before starting work;
- 2) Minimizes use of water in cleanup;
- 3) Rinses mixers, tools, and trailers and equipment onto an isolated dirt area where rinse water won't run into the gutter, or places a wheelbarrow under the chute and/or other equipment to catch rinse water, and wheels it to a dirt area for disposal;
- 4) Rinses exposed aggregate onto a dirt area away from streets, storm drains or creeks;
- 5) Uses the preferred practice for disposing cement wash water, which is to contain the wash water on soil, preferably in a bowl-shaped area to prevent the wash water from flowing out of the washout area;
- 6) Is familiar with the practices listed, or includes them in your contract. Remember that you are responsible for your contractor's actions. Keep our creeks and the Bay clean and healthy for fish, wildlife and ourselves. By protecting the storm drains, creeks and the Bay, you are protecting the environment for your children and future generations. Questions? Call 1-408-615-3080.

What to put in Clean Green cart

Dispose of compostable yard waste materials (only grass clippings, weeds, leaves, palm fronds, hedge and shrubbery cuttings, small tree branches and tree trimmings, plant materials and flowers) in the 95-gallon Clean Green collection cart. For large yards, an additional 95-gallon cart (or smaller 68-gallon cart) is available at no additional charge to the resident upon request. To obtain an extra Clean Green cart, call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 1-408-727-5365.



Artists invited to enter sculpture exhibition





Bay Area artists are invited to enter artworks in a juried sculpture exhibition sponsored by the City of Santa Clara and its Cultural Advisory Commission. The deadline to enter is June 14, 2013, and the selected sculptures will be displayed at Santa Clara City Hall from September through February 2014.

A jury composed of three Santa Clara Cultural Advisory Commissioners will select the sculptures for the exhibit. Monetary merit awards up to \$1000 may be awarded at the discretion of the jurors.

Entry forms may be obtained from the City's website at **santaclaraca.gov** or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Cultural Advisory Commission, Santa Clara City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 1-408-615-2210 or email **CulturalCommission@SantaClaraCA.gov**.

Sculptures from previous exhibitions are pictured at left.

Montalvo exhibits references Santa Clara

A Centennial exhibition at the Montalvo Arts Center in Saratoga includes two installations with Santa Clara connections. "Communicated Experience" by artist Ruth Boerefijn is based on the stories of three pioneer women in Santa Clara Valley, including Alice Iola Hare, a professional photographer whose home and business were on



Ruth Boerefijn, "Constellations of Experience" (2012): Fishing Line, pastel, paper and ink.

Madison Street. Another installation, "Somewhere In Between: Silicon Valley" by artist Bia Gayotto uses video and voice to focus on the experience of first and second generation immigrants to the area. The video includes some Santa Clara scenes and the voices of several Santa Clara residents.

The exhibition ends Jan. 13. For more information, visit **MontalvoArts.org**.

Learn about

Mission City Memorial Park

and make your family an eternal part of Santa Clara history

Workshops in January and February for Santa Clara residents only

Santa Clara is one of only a few cities in California to have a municipal owned and operated cemetery.

Mission City Memorial Park is a beautiful, tree-filled final resting place for Santa Clara residents as far back as 1864.

Your family can become part of this historic site when a loved one passes away.



Free, two-hour workshops this winter will provide an overview including:

- Special discounted pricing for Santa Clara residents
- How to avoid costly mistakes in arranging a funeral
- Advantages of making arrangements before there is a loss in your family
- Tour of Memorial Park to see the nondenominational chapel, notable historic graves and spaces available.

For dates and times of the workshop and to receive a free, pre-need booklet, call 408-615-3790 or email cemetery@santaclaraca.gov.

420 North Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara MissionCityMemorialPark.org

Tasman Drive Parking Garage opens



A new 1,810-space, six level parking structure in the center of Santa Clara's "Entertainment Zone" opened in December 2012 to serve visitors to the Santa Clara Convention Center, Great America Theme Park, the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club, other adjacent hospitality businesses and the 49ers Stadium. There are two vehicle entry points to the parking garage, one from Tasman Drive that accesses directly to the second level of the garage, and the other from Stars & Stripes Drive entering on the ground floor. The new municipal parking garage also has 29 ADA accessible spaces plus 14 bicycle parking spaces, and a front plaza that can accommodate small gatherings and vendor kiosks. Five elevators are available in three separate towers, and lighting levels are high for patron comfort and security.

The garage has such "green" features as motion-controlled energy-saving light fixtures, water efficient landscaping and irrigation, and 100% treatment of site storm water. In keeping with Santa Clara's decades-long "green" commitment, the garage is also outfitted to allow for the future installation of 24 electric vehicle charging stations and eventual solar panels on the roof. The solar panels would supply almost 60% of the facility's energy needs.

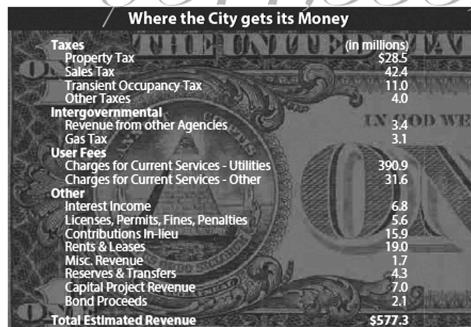
Budgeted for \$42 million, the facility took 18 months to build and was constructed on time and under budget.

Northside Library construction underway

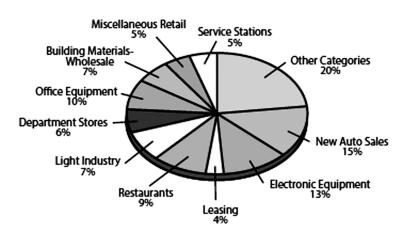


A change is going to come for North of Bayshore residents in 2013 with the opening of the new Northside Branch Library. After years of anticipation and planning, construction of the 17,355-square-foot facility on the corner of Rivermark Parkway and Moreland Way got underway in 2012. In addition to a collection of books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, and online services, the new Library will include a 2,000-square-foot community room and four small conference rooms, making it a central gathering place for the Rivermark community and others in the north Bayshore area. The Santa Clara City Library continues to be the most popular public place in town – with 1.4 million visitors checking out 2.5 million items during the 2011-12 fiscal year.

total City budget for 2012-13



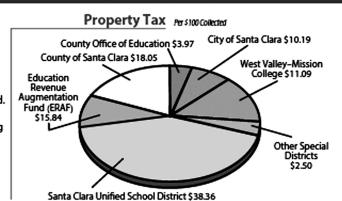
Sales Tax by Industry



Sales tax revenue in the City of Santa Clara comes from a wide range of sources. Sales of new autos, electronic equipment, office equipment and restaurants were the City's leading economic categories last year.

Where Your Taxes and Fees Go

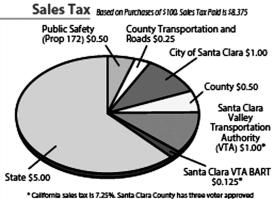
When you pay your property tax, the City of Santa Clara General Fund receives \$10.19 of every \$100 collected. This year the City anticipates receiving \$28.5 million.



What Your \$577.3 Million Buys... (in millions)



For every taxable dollar you spend in Santa Clara County, you pay 8.375 cents sales tax, or \$8.375 per \$100 purchased. Cities throughout the State receive sales tax based on sales made within their respective city. For every \$100 purchase you make within the City of Santa Clara which is subject to sales tax, the City receives \$1.00. This year the City anticipates receiving \$42.4 million.



fes: two are 0.5% each for transportation projects, and one effective J. for 0.125 for BART extension, making the total local sales tax 8.375%.





Library Update



Collect books for the Library

Consider holding a book drive at work or in your neighborhood to collect books for the Library Foundation & Friends. High quality donated books are added to the Library collection and are sold to raise funds for Library purposes. Most sought are technical books, children's books in good condition and current fiction. If you are interested in holding a book drive, contact Tracy Wingrove at 1-408-615-2936.

Santa Clara is part of Silicon Valley Reads

The Santa Clara Central Park Library will be the location of three Silicon Valley Reads 2013 events focused on the theme "Invisible Wounds of War." Brian Castner, author of *The Long Walk*, will speak on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m. The book describes his tours of duty in the Middle East as the commander of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit and his struggles when he returned home with unshakable feelings of fear, confusion and survivor's guilt. Call Reference at 1-408-615-2900 to reserve a space.

On Sunday, Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. children's author Brenda Ehrmantraut will read and discuss *Night Catch*, a beautifully illustrated book for children ages pre-K to grade 2 that describes how a soldier half way around the world plays a nightly game of catching the North Star with his son who waits at home.

The Library will also show two documentaries as part of Silicon Valley Reads: *Poster Girl*, an Academy-Award nominated film about a young woman who goes from high school cheerleader to a combat veteran with PTSD, on Mon., Feb. 11, at 6:30 p.m. and *Wartorn 1861-2010*, an HBO presentation describing the lingering effects of combat stress on veterans and their families throughout American history, on Monday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on all Silicon Valley Reads activities, visit SiliconValleyReads.org.

Job search, money, health and gardening Library programs

Santa Clara Central Park Library kicks off a variety of special events in 2013 with a series of six workshops about how to find a job. Taught by career experts from 1-2:30 p.m. the workshops will cover resumes on Feb. 6, finding job leads on Feb. 7, interviewing on Feb. 13, networking on Feb. 26, developing a profile on Feb. 27 and effective job search on Feb. 28. Expert Resume Review will also be offered various days and times in February. For more information or to sign up, call Reference at 1-408-615-2900.

In April, the Library will host special events in honor of National Library Week, April 14-20. During *Money Smart* Week, April 20-27, the Library will have programs on budgeting, managing debt, retirement planning, home purchasing, avoiding identity theft and special activities for children in grades K-2 and 3-6.

Other topics of special programs include stress relief and meditation, gardening, and Internet classes.

For complete information on library events, visit Library.SantaClaraCA.gov.

College exam prep

Santa Clara Central Park Library will offer four programs to help teens prepare for college exams. Practice SATs for 9th to 12th graders only will be held on Sat., March 2 and Sat., April 6. Both begin at 12 noon. The results of these practice exams and strategies to improve scores will be presented by Kaplan Test Prep on Mon., March 11 and Mon., April 15, at 6:30 p.m. Sign up at the Youth Services desk or call 1-408-615-2916.

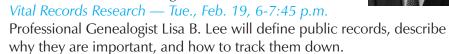
Corporate Partnership Awards

The Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends presented its 2012 "Corporate Partnership Awards" to Kaiser Permanante, Keypoint Credit Union, the Mission City Community Fund, Texas Instruments, Santa Clara Rotary, and Barnes and Noble, who together donated almost \$40,000 to support programs at the library for wellness, summer reading, children's and adult literacy, employment, math and science tutoring, and books for children and adults in transitional housing. Thank you, partners!

Winter/Spring Genealogy Programs

The Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society is sponsoring several programs at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd, in early 2013. These include:

- Help Me Find My Revolutionary War Ancestor —Sat., Jan. 12, 1-4 p.m.
 If you are interested in tracing and documenting your Revolutionary War
 ancestor, fill out a Revolutionary War Ancestor Search worksheet available in
 the Heritage Pavilion and join this workshop where you will receive advice
 and help from members of the local chapters of Sons of the American
 Revolution (SAR) and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).
- The Origins of Silicon Valley: Our Heritage and Future Tue., Jan. 15, 6-7:45 p.m.
 - Paul Wesling (*pictured right*), an IEEE/CPMT Society Distinguished Lecturer, will present an intriguing history of the innovation in the region.



- Beginner's Seminar: Part 1: Getting Started Wed., Feb. 20, 1-4:30 p.m. Learn the basics of starting your genealogy research, finding and collecting information, and filling out simple pedigree charts and forms.
- Help Me Find my Civil War Ancestor Sat., Feb. 23, 1-4 p.m.
 If you are interested in tracing and documenting your Civil War Ancestor, fill out a Civil War Ancestor Search worksheet available in the Heritage Pavilion and come to this workshop where you will receive advice and help from members of the local chapters of various Civil War lineage societies, such as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- Beginner's Seminar: Part 2: Organization & Choosing Genealogy Software Thur., March 14, 1-4:30 p.m.
 This class will explore how to document and organize your genealogy
 - materials. You also will learn what to look for if you want to select a genealogy program for your computer.
- How a Santa Clara Library Genealogy Volunteer's research on a Santa Clara World War II hero resulted in his participation in a Memorial Service in Holland — Tue., March 19, 6-7:45 p.m.



As a result of a query from the Archivist of Lisse, The Netherlands, Jim Riley, a Library volunteer Genealogy Consultant, got involved in a project to locate the living family of Donald Reilly (pictured left), a Santa Clara man killed in World War II. Hear the fascinating story of this research and how it led to his participation in a moving memorial service in Holland to honor Reilly and other crew of a B17 Bomber shot down in The Netherlands during the war.

- What's New for Genealogists at the Santa Clara Central Park Library Heritage Pavilion Tue, April 16, 6-7:45 p.m.
- Mary Hanel, Local History Librarian and staff liaison to the Genealogy Society, will give her annual presentation on the best of the new books and materials added to the Heritage Pavilion collection during the past year. She also will demonstrate some of the databases and other online resources available at the Library for genealogists and local historians.
- Beginner's Seminar, Part 3: Census Records & the Internet Sat., April 20, 1-4:30 p.m.
 - Learn the importance of using the U.S. Census to follow your ancestors. The session will also explore the different genealogy websites, including Rootsweb, Ancestry, Family Search, and others.
- Dick Ferman, Genealogy Society Program Chairman and SeniorNet genealogy instructor, will discuss the types of records and resources available in libraries, archives, and online for doing family history and genealogy research in Pennsylvania.

See the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society's website, **scchgs.org**, for more information on its services and programs. Local History Librarian Mary Hanel also may be contacted for information by phone at 1-408-615-2909 or email: **mhanel@santaclaraca.gov**.

SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER SERVICES

SERVICES AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Bus and Light Rail Passes

Monthly bus and light rail pass stickers for Regional Transit Discount Card Services available to all seniors age 65+ and people with disabilities

Care Management Services

Services available by appointment: in-home assessment, connection to community resources, service coordination

Services available to City of Santa Clara seniors age 60+

Health and Wellness

Services available by appointment: health education, healthcare coaching, social engagement, home visits, blood pressure and blood glucose screening Services available on drop in basis: blood pressure clinic Thursday 9:30-11:30am Services available to City of Santa Clara seniors age 50+

Health Insurance & Medicare Counseling (HICAP)

Free information & assistance on Medicare related issues; Tuesdays by appointment Services available to anyone on Medicare

Senior Resources

Information, resources, and referral to senior programs and services Services available to City of Santa Clara seniors age 50+

Legal Assistance

Free legal assistance available two Wednesdays per month, by appointment Services available to Santa Clara County seniors age 60+

Notary Service

Free service by appointment, Fridays 8-9 am Signer must be present and provide government issued identification Services available to all seniors age 50+

Dining Out

Nutritionally balanced lunch served at the Santa Clara Senior Center Monday-Friday 11:30 am. Call one day ahead for reservations, \$2.50 donation Services available to Santa Clara County seniors age 60+

Tax Assistance

Offered throughout the year to seniors age 50+

SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND OTHERS THROUGH THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Electric Utility Assistance

Electric rate assistance programs offering 25% discount on electricity, available to those meeting medical or income eligibility Assistance available for attic insulation

Free home energy audits, info on appliance rebates, and tool lending

Grab bars/Ramps/Accessibility

Grants available, based on income, for accessible modifications Services available to all City of Santa Clara residents

Home Repairs

Low interest rate loans to homeowners for repairs, roof & window replacement, insulation, and exterior house painting. Grants available for emergency home repairs Services available to all City of Santa Clara residents

Library Home Delivery

Home delivery of library materials (books, CDs, books on tape) Services available to any homebound City of Santa Clara Resident

Medication Disposal

Dispose of expired or unused prescription or over-the-counter medication Services available to all City of Santa Clara residents

SERVICES FOR SENIORS & OTHERS FROM SANTA CLARA'S COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Emergency housing

Shelter, housing, and support programs to help people rebuild their lives

Emergency shelter for women and children, crisis intervention, education Only for women age 18+ and mothers with children

Domestic Violence

Emergency shelter, counseling, support

Food

Free groceries

Free groceries, available weekly Free hot meal site listing

Frozen meal delivery

Available to homebound seniors, age 60+

Grief Counseling

Counseling, emotional support, support groups

Housing, Affordable

Assessment of housing needs, information and education, referral services, and application assistance

Housing Issues

Tenant/landlord disputes, mortgage foreclosure counseling, fair housing counseling and investigation

Transportation

Subsidized door-to-door transportation for ADA eligible people

Escorted Transportation for seniors residing in West Santa Clara County

Volunteer Services

Volunteers available for socialization, house projects, grocery shopping & more Age 59+ residing in West Santa Clara County

PROVIDER / PHONE / WEBSITE

Valley Transportation Authority 1-408-321-2300

Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Council on Aging Silicon Valley, 1-408-615-3170 www.coasiliconvalley.com

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Senior Adult Legal Assistance (SALA) 1-408-615-3170 Volunteer 1-408-615-3170

www.santaclaraca.gov Santa Clara Parks & Recreation & Santa Clara County

> 1-408-615-3174 www.santaclaraca.gov AARP volunteer 1-408-615-3170

PROVIDER / PHONE / WEBSITE

City Electric Utility-Silicon Valley Power 1-408-244-7283 www.siliconvalleypower.com

City Housing & Community Services Division 1-408-615-2490

www.santaclaraca.gov City Housing & Community Services Division

1-408-615-2490 www.santaclaraca.gov

> 1-408-615-2904 Santa Clara Police Department

Santa Clara City Library

1-408-615-4700 www.santaclaraca.gov

PROVIDER / PHONE / WEBSITE **Emergency Housing Consortium**

(EHC Lifebuilders) 1-408-539-2100

Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence 1-408-501-7550 Hotline 1-408-279-2962 www.nextdoor.org

Support Network for Battered Women 1-800-572-2782 www.supportnetwork.org

> St. Justin's Food Pantry 1-408-243-1462

www.st-justin.org Second Harvest Food Bank 1-800-984-3663

Council on Aging Silicon Valley Meals on Wheels 1-408-296-8290 1-800-510-2020 www.coasiliconvalley.com

Centre for Living With Dying Bill Wilson Center 1-408-243-0222

www.billwilsoncenter.org Catholic Charities 1-408-468-0100

www.catholiccharitiesscc.org **Project Sentinel** 1-408-720-9888

> www.housing.org **Outreach and Escort** 1-408-436-2865

www.outreach1.org Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors 1-408-241-1571

www.servicesforseniors.org

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Santa Clara Senior Center • 1303 Fremont Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050 • 1-408-615-3170 Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-5 p.m. • Sat 9 a.m.-12 noon santaclaraca.gov • Office closes 30 minutes prior to building

Free Wi-Fi provides outdoor Internet access

Santa Clara has flipped the switch on the new citywide outdoor Wi-Fi system, called Santa Clara Free Wi-Fi. Now you can connect to the Internet while you are relaxing in a park, waiting for a train or bus, or even sitting in your yard.

Santa Clara Free Wi-Fi is a free, public, and unencrypted Internet access service using a channel isolated from the highly secure Silicon Valley Power MeterConnect wireless channel. Santa Clara is the first city in the country to provide free outdoor Wi-Fi access throughout the community as part of its advanced meter upgrade program.

Users should be aware that the security of information transmitted on any public Wi-Fi system, such as those found in coffee shops, retail outlets, or on Santa Clara Free Wi-Fi, is not guaranteed. Transactions or communications involving private or sensitive information should always be sent over private, secure Wi-Fi networks.

Outdoor access may be limited by the ability of your mobile device to transmit a strong enough signal to reach back to Silicon Valley Power's state-of-the-art wireless transceivers. Service may also be disrupted by natural and constructed barriers.

Visit SantaClaraFreeWiFi.com for more information.

Change smoke detector batteries on March 10



Most fatal fires occur at night while you are asleep. Having a properly maintained and working smoke detector more than doubles

your chances of survival.

To be sure your smoke detector is in working order, change the batteries of all smoke detectors in your home twice a year when the time changes. This year, Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10 - an easy day to remember to do this simple, but potentially life-saving task.

Every home should have a minimum of one smoke detector in every bedroom and in the main corridor outside of all sleeping areas. For multi-story homes, an additional smoke detector should be placed on every floor.

For further information about fire safety, call the Santa Clara Fire Marshal's Office at 1-408-615-4970.

Why utility bills are sometimes estimates

Water and electric meters are read every month. If you lock your gate and are not home when City staff comes to read your meter, your usage will be estimated. If you do not want estimates used for billing, provide the City with a copy of the key or combination to the lock. Contact customer service at 1-408-615-2300 to update your account. Please keep the area around your meters clear of debris and shrubs.

Historic Agnews images added to Library collection









A collection of circa 1918 images of Agnew Village and Agnews State Hospital have been digitized and added to the Library's collection of historic photos. The 168 glass plate negatives were taken by Walter Sullivan, former postmaster of Agnew Village, and preserved by James Abreau, a 1949 graduate of Santa Clara High School.

Bob Byrd, President of the Board of the Harris-Lass Museum, and the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends were instrumental in making these images available to the public.

Ulistac Natural Preserve update





Several new restoration projects are underway at Ulistac Natural Area, funded by a \$106,000 grant from the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

In 2012, student interns and community volunteers constructed a 250-foot bed for a seasonal waterway that will bring more wildlife to the 40-acre open space. The next phase will include implementing the water source and putting in the irrigation materials. An ADA certified foot and bicycle bridge where the waterway crosses the main trail will be constructed by local Eagle Scout candidates.

For another phase of the Water District Grant, local students and volunteers are creating a 25,000 square foot Oak Savanna, which is a meadow with scattered oak trees, three species of California native grass and native wildflowers. The



rows of organic, biodegradable weed mat will protect the more than 5,000 baby grass plants until they are big enough to grow on their own. Wildflower seed will be sown in early 2013.

In addition, more than 350 new California native understory plants have been added to an existing volunteer-created Oak Woodland.

Community groups lending their hearts and hands to these restoration projects include the Tzu Chi Buddhist Foundation, Chi Upsilon Zeta Fraternity, Don Callejon Outdoor Adventures Club, PORCH (Prometheus Outreach Community Help), De Anza College, and the Future Business Leaders of America from Cupertino High School.

Volunteer work sessions take place at Ulistac every first Saturday and third Sunday of the month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wear long pants, sturdy shoes, and bring water and a snack. For further information, contact the Outreach Coordinator for the Ulistac Natural Area Restoration and Education Project at ulistac@gmail.com.

Library

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New books in Library with local history ties

Two books with local history ties are now available at Santa Clara Central Park Library.

The Adventures of Zack Gentry: a Tongue-in-Cheek History of the Opening of the West was

The Adventures of artist and author Zack Gentry



written by Santa Clara Clarence Robert "Bob" Tower. Watch the Library website for information on a presentation this spring by Tower describing how the historical fiction book was published using Amazon's "CreateSpace." The second book is

Quest for Flight: John J. Montgomery and the

Dawn of Aviation in the West by Craig S. Harwood and Gary B. Fogel (University of Oklahoma Press, 2012). Montgomery was a prolific inventor, including a glider he designed 20 years before the Wright Brothers' flights at Kitty Hawk.



Montgomery moved his experiments from San Diego to Santa Clara County and joined the faculty of Santa Clara College. One of his flights went directly over the Town of Santa Clara in 1905. He was killed in a crash landing in the Evergreen area of San Jose in 1911. Watch for an author program on this book by Craig S. Harwood at Central Park Library in spring or

Contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel at 1-408-615-2909, or mhanel@santaclaraca.gov for more information about either of these books.

Emergency

Residents can also sign up for AlertSCC, a free, easy, and confidential way for anyone who lives or works in Santa Clara County to get emergency warnings sent directly to their cell phone, mobile device, email, or landline. AlertSCC can reach you wherever you are to provide information and instructions in a variety of emergency situations, which may

- Flooding, wildfires and subsequent evacuations
- Public safety incidents, including crimes, that immediately affect your neighborhood
- Post-disaster information about shelters, transportation, or supplies.

It only takes a minute to sign up. For more information visit

sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home.aspx.

SANTA CLARA ARTS & HISTORICAL CONSORTIUM

Santa Clara Museums















Pictured top to bottom, above:

- Triton Museum of Art
- de Saisset Museum
- Headen-Inman House
- Berryessa Adobe
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society Museum
- Harris-Lass Historic Museum
- Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

Triton Museum of Art

The Triton Museum of Art exists to enhance the quality of lives of people in Santa Clara and the Bay Area through a program of art, education, and community involvement. Rotating exhibits highlight the museum's permanent collection of 19th and 20th century American art. *Native Americans Yesterday and Today: Selections from the Austen D. Warburton Collection*, is a permanent exhibition. The museum buildings are owned by the City, but are operated by the nonprofit Triton Museum of Art. The museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave., across the street from City Hall. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Closed Mondays. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 1-408-247-3754, or visit the Triton website at **tritonmuseum.org**.

de Saisset Museum

The de Saisset Museum is the South Bay's free museum of art and history. The museum was founded adjacent to Mission Santa Clara de Asís on the Santa Clara University campus in 1955 and is one of only three museums in the South Bay accredited by the American Association of Museums. The de Saisset presents a diverse and accessible range of exhibitions and educational programs that highlight the art and history of the San Francisco Bay Area and the local Santa Clara Valley. The Museum's collection focuses on six main areas including California history, Mission-era liturgical vestments, decorative arts, works on paper, painting and sculpture, and new media. Admission to the de Saisset Museum is free. Galleries are open Tuesday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the academic year. To confirm hours and obtain more information visit scu.edu/desaisset or call 1-408-554-4528.

Headen-Inman House

The charming Headen-Inman House, 1509 Warburton Ave., includes a museum with photographs and artifacts related to the history of Santa Clara. Rotating exhibits by the Santa Clara Art Association are also on display. The Santa Clara Founders and Pioneers Room has exhibits featuring the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County. The house, named after the two families who once owned it, is now owned by the City, but is operated by and is the headquarters of the nonprofit Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium. The museum is open most Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 1-408-248-ARTS.

Berryessa Adobe

In the 1840s, this simple adobe dwelling was constructed about a mile west of Mission Santa Clara. The house was lived in by generations of families who immigrated to Santa Clara to labor in

the fields and factories, and to make new lives for themselves. Purchased by the City of Santa Clara in 1997 and restored in 2002, the Berryessa Adobe is one of the last adobes in the Santa Clara Valley, and is an interpretive site on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. It is located at 373 Jefferson Street and generally open Thursdays and Saturdays, 12 noon to 2 p.m., or by arrangement. Group tours may also be arranged. For more information, call 1-408-615-2488 or email: BerryessaAdobe@santaclaraca.gov.

South Bay Historical Railroad Society

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society was founded in 1985 with the goal of preserving the heritage of American railroading. SBHRS accomplished the major task of renovating the historic Santa Clara Depot, and maintains the facility and researches its history. The group also built and maintains onsite HO and N scale museum-grade model train layouts. The Santa Clara Depot, at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station, is regularly open to the public every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., at 1005 Railroad Ave. Call 1-408-243-3969 for further information, or visit the website at sbhrs.org.

Harris-Lass Historic Museum

The Harris-Lass Historic Museum, located at 1889 Market St., is the last preserved farm site in the City of Santa Clara. The property, which includes a large fully furnished Italianate-style home, barn, summer kitchen and a tank house, is named for the two families who owned it and lived there for 125 years. The museum is now owned by the City, but is operated by the nonprofit Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara, and staffed entirely by volunteers. Guided tours aid visitors in learning about local history and life in the early 1900s. Museum hours are most Saturdays and Sundays, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Parking is free. For details about visiting the museum, call 1-408-249-7905 or see harrislass.org.

Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

The Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe, located at 3260 The Alameda, is a State-registered landmark and one of the oldest surviving adobe structures in northern California. With its origins dating to 1784, the Pena adobe was originally part of a row of houses for married Indian couples. The Santa Clara Woman's Club now uses the adobe as its club headquarters and meeting place. The Woman's Club provides encouragement and support for youth in Santa Clara, and cooperates with other organizations to aid seniors, veterans and the handicapped. Call 1-408-246-8000 for more information.

Other Consortium Member Groups

Los Fundadores y Amigos de Alta California, the Founders and Friends of Santa Clara County

The goals of Los Fundadores are to preserve the history and heritage of Santa Clara County and early California, to maintain a museum room in the Headen-Inman House, to provide rotating genealogical displays, and to develop research materials for the library room at the museum. The group was established in 1987 by Evalyn Martinez. It publishes a quarterly newsletter aimed at preserving the history and heritage of the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County from its founding through 1889. For more information, call Evalyn Martinez at 1-408-926-1165.

Santa Clara Players

The Santa Clara Players is a talented local theater group that performs in the 80-seat Hall Pavilion of the Triton Museum of Art. Its season runs from October through June and includes three public productions plus one-act plays that can be performed for groups by special arrangement. Call 1-408-248-7993 for more information or visit **scplayers.org**.

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

Individuals interested in promoting an appreciation for the world and its diverse cultures are invited to join the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCA). Membership is open to both residents of Santa Clara and non-residents. SCA works closely with the City's International Exchange Commission which coordinates exchange programs with Santa Clara's two sistercities: Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. The group meets four or five times during the year at the Senior Citizens Center in Santa Clara. For more information on the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, or opportunities to host visitors, contact SCA President Lynn Hoang at 1-408-828-2885 or see the website at santaclarasistercities.org.

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists is dedicated to studying, teaching and promoting the art of china, glass and porcelain painting. Activities include monthly meetings/luncheons, workshops/seminars, demonstrations, porcelain exchange, and community involvement. For more information, call Arline Norsworthy at 1-408-296-8319.

Consortium Member Groups include:

City of Santa Clara* – Agnews Historic Cemetery & Museum, and Berryessa Adobe

de Saisset Museum*

Garden City Doll Club

Goldentones*

Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara*

KKUP Radio

Los Fundadores, Founders and Friends of Santa Clara Co.

Mission City Opera

Mission Trail Early Ford V-8 Club

Orchard Valley Fine Arts Foundation

Santa Clara Art Association* Santa Clara City Library*

Santa Clara County Democratic Club

Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society*

Santa Clara Players

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Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists

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Soroptimist International of Santa Clara* South Bay Historical Railroad Society*

Spanish Heritage Society
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Leadership Santa Clara gets underway



Leadership Santa Clara graduates from 2012 class.

Leadership Santa Clara 2013 begins in January and there may still be openings at this time for individuals who are interested in becoming community leaders.

Sessions are generally held on the second Thursday of each month from February through June, with two additional sessions in January and an evening graduation ceremony/reception in June. Classes are held at a variety of Santa Clara business locations, offering students an opportunity to visit a range of local organizations. Class sessions typically begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Top-notch speakers cover a wide range of topics including governance, business climate,

transportation, media, diversity, arts and culture, environment, volunteerism, health care and human/ community services. Full days are devoted to public safety and education. Skillbuilding sessions focus on working with the media, public presentation skills, team building, management,

and ethics.
Tuition is \$750, and

participants may have up to 90% of their tuition covered by their employer. Scholarships are available.

For more information, call Leadership Santa Clara Program Coordinator Scott Summerfield at 1-925-249-9320, email him at smmrfld@aol.com, or contact the City Manager's Office at 1-408-615-2210. An application for the 2013 Leadership Santa Clara session is posted at santaclaraca.gov/LeadershipSC.

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No collection on New Year's Day

There will be no solid waste collection on New Year's Day, Tue. Jan. 1. After Monday, the remainder of the week's pickup will be one day late through Sat., Jan. 5. There are no other changes to the solid waste collection schedule until Thanksgiving, 2013. Questions? Call 1-408-615-3080.

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QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER FOR CITY
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Online business tax renewal service wins award

In 2012, the City of Santa Clara and its Finance Department won a statewide award for its technological achievement in enabling businesses to renew business tax certificates online. The Lighthouse Award came from the California Municipal Revenue and Tax Association.

Local businesses have welcomed the online renewal program which is more cost-efficient, timely and convenient. Currently, online renewals are available to about half of our businesses, and the City is actively working to make it available to all of our businesses.

For more information about online renewal of business tax certificates, contact the business tax customer service line at 1-408-615-2310.

Business customers rank Santa Clara Utility best in U.S.



Silicon Valley Power, Santa Clara's municipal Electric Utility, has earned the number one ranking in the U.S. among business customers, in a national survey conducted by E Source. Survey respondents pointed to Silicon Valley Power's record of reliability and its efforts to keep prices low as the primary reasons why it

warranted the highest score.

"Silicon Valley Power operations, from the control room and field technicians to our administration and customer service, are designed to benefit our customers," said Larry Owens, Manager of Customer Relations. "This survey proves that our customers trust us to meet or exceed their expectations."

E Source interviewed more than 1,600 large business customers of 17 utilities throughout the country for the survey.